

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of proposed projects in the City of Virginia Beach, Henrico County, Chesterfield County, City of Fredericksburg, City of Hampton, City of Manassas, Prince William County, City of Norfolk, Town of Onancock, Accomack County, City of Petersburg, City of Portsmouth, City of Suffolk, King William County and Fairfax County in Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

January 24, 2014 to February 12, 2014

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Certification

DEQ is reviewing a federal action to determine if it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

Department of Military Affairs

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Department of Military Affairs (DMA) submitted an environmental assessment (EA), including a federal consistency certification (FCC), for the implementation of the Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan (ICRMP) for more than 60 Virginia National Guard facilities throughout Virginia. The ICRMP provides a basis for installation commanders to make decisions on cultural resources management actions during the next five years and defines specific procedures for federal and state cultural resource compliance. The EA addresses the potential impacts of the preferred alternative (implementation of the ICRMP) and the no-action alternative. Both alternatives would include continued archaeological investigations which would result in temporary disturbance to geology, topography, soils and biological resources. The EA indicates that wetlands and surface waters may be affected indirectly from runoff even if mitigation measures are implemented. However, significant impacts are not anticipated. The FCC states that the proposed project will be consistent with the VCP.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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